

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In the specification, page 1, line 4, after "1999," --now U.S. Patent No. 6,656,393, -- has been inserted

In the claims

Claim 1, line 14 "plated" has been changed to --first electroplated--; line 16, --first-- has been inserted before "electroplated"; line 19, "plated" has been changed to --first electroplated--; line 24, "plated" has been changed to --first electroplated--

Claim 9, line 13 "plated" has been changed to --first electroplated--; line 14, "plated" has been changed to --first electroplated--; line 16, "plated" has been changed to --first electroplated--; line 24, "plated" has been changed to --first electroplated--

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Okun on November 6, 2009.

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